

supporters of Alexander. Another group hailed from the far Euphrates and Armenia--- John of Pen James of Nisibis in Mesopotamia, Aitallaha of Kdes and Paul of Neo-Gesarea, the tendons of whose xvi had been seared with hot irons, Another group came from near at hand, the bishops of what now call Asia Minor, within the sphere of influence of the imperial city of Nieomediou and of its Hish< Eusebius. He, too, was there with his friends, T! ognis of Nica;a, Menophantus of Kphesus, and M*ei* of Chaleedon, all committed to the cause and to the doctrines of Anus, Then there were a group Thracian, Macedonian, and Greek bishops, a few from the islands,, and CVeilianus from Carthage.

Arius, too, was present with his few faithful heiv men from Egypt, proudly self-confident as ever, trusting mainly to the advocacy of Kusebius of Ni media and to the influence of the* moderates, 1; Eusebius of Gesarea. But during the years that had been absent from Alexandria a new protagon had arisen among the ranks of his opponents. Ah ander, so runs the legend, had one day .seen from the windows of his house a group of boys playing " church.¹¹ Thinking that the imitation was too close to the reality and that; the lads were* carrying the gai too far, the Bi.shop went out to check them and § into conversation with the boy who was taking the lead in their serious sport. Impressed by his earnt ness, he took him into his house and trained him the ministry. It was Athanasius*, who now, as-young deacon of twenty-five, accompanied AI< ander to Nicoia, having already by his cleverness ,i